

*Sec. 6. Effective date*

Section 6(a) of the bill provides that it shall be immediately effective upon enactment, with several exceptions.

Existing trading facilities. The first exception applies to existing trading facilities. Section 6(b) provides that a trading facility operating under the exemption in CEA section 2(h)(3) on the date of enactment shall have 180 days after the Commission issues a final rule on registration applications to submit such an application. Section 5 of the bill authorizes the Commission to take 270 days to issue this rule. During this period (270 days plus 180 days), the prohibition on trading in the new section 2(j)(1) shall not apply. For any such facility in operation on the date of enactment of this Act that submits an application to the Commission for operation as an energy trading facility within the 180-day period, the suspension of the prohibition in section 2(j)(1) is extended until the Commission makes a determination on whether to approve that application.

Subsection (c) provides that if the Commission approves the registration as an energy trading facility of a facility operating under the exemption under CEA section 2(h)(3) on the date of enactment of this Act, the facility may submit a written request to the Commission for a 6-month extension to fully implement any requirement made applicable by this Act—other than an information reporting or recordkeeping requirement—and that the Commission shall grant any such request. The Commission, in its discretion, may grant an additional 6-month extension. The Commission may not grant any extension for any information reporting or recordkeeping requirement. This section is intended to ensure that facilities currently in operation that must register as an energy trading facility will have sufficient time to come into compliance with the new requirements of this Act, and that the operations of those facilities will not be disrupted during the transition period. Altogether, this section effectively provides existing trading facilities with over two years to come into compliance with the Act.

Requirements applicable to domestic use of a foreign board of trade. Section 6(d) of the bill states that the reporting requirements applicable to trades from domestic terminals on a foreign board of trade are effective 180 days after enactment.

## SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 45—COMMENDING THE ED BLOCK COURAGE AWARD FOUNDATION FOR ITS WORK IN AIDING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES AFFECTED BY CHILD ABUSE, AND DESIGNATING NOVEMBER 2007 AS NATIONAL COURAGE MONTH

Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. CORNYN) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. CON. RES. 45

Whereas the Ed Block Courage Award was established by Sam Lamantia in 1978 in honor of Ed Block, the head athletic trainer of the Baltimore Colts and a respected humanitarian;

Whereas each year in Baltimore, Maryland, the Foundation honors recipients from the National Football League who have been chosen by their teammates as exemplifying sportsmanship and courage;

Whereas the Ed Block Courage Award has become one of the most esteemed honors bestowed upon players in the NFL;

Whereas the Ed Block Courage Award Foundation has grown from a Baltimore-based local charity to the Courage House National Support Network for Kids operated in partnership with 17 NFL teams in their respective cities; and

Whereas Courage Houses are facilities that provide support and care for abused children and their families in these 17 locations across the country: Baltimore, Maryland, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Chicago, Illinois, Miami, Florida, Detroit, Michigan, Dallas, Texas, Westchester County, New York, Oakland, California, Seattle, Washington, Charlotte, North Carolina, Cleveland, Ohio, Atlanta, Georgia, St. Louis, Missouri, Indianapolis, Indiana, Buffalo, New York, San Francisco, California, and Minneapolis, Minnesota: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That it is the sense of Congress that—*

(1) National Courage Month provides an opportunity to educate the people of the United States about the positive role that professional athletes can play as inspirations for America's youth; and

(2) the Ed Block Courage Award Foundation should be recognized for its outstanding contributions toward helping those affected by child abuse.

## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 46—SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF SICKLE CELL DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

Mr. OBAMA submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:

S. CON. RES. 46

Whereas Sickle Cell Disease is an inherited blood disorder that is a major health problem in the United States, primarily affecting African Americans;

Whereas Sickle Cell Disease causes the rapid destruction of sickle cells, which results in multiple medical complications, including anemia, jaundice, gallstones, strokes, and restricted blood flow, damaging tissue in the liver, spleen, and kidneys, and death;

Whereas Sickle Cell Disease causes episodes of considerable pain in one's arms, legs, chest, and abdomen;

Whereas Sickle Cell Disease affects over 70,000 Americans;

Whereas approximately 1,000 babies are born with Sickle Cell Disease each year in the United States, with the disease occurring in approximately 1 in 300 newborn African American infants;

Whereas more than 2,000,000 Americans have the sickle cell trait, and 1 in 12 African Americans carry the trait;

Whereas there is a 1 in 4 chance that a child born to parents who both have the sickle cell trait will have the disease;

Whereas the life expectancy of a person with Sickle Cell Disease is severely limited, with an average life span for an adult being 45 years;

Whereas, though researchers have yet to identify a cure for this painful disease, advances in treating the associated complications have occurred;

Whereas researchers are hopeful that in less than two decades, Sickle Cell Disease may join the ranks of chronic illnesses that, when properly treated, do not interfere with

the activity, growth, or mental development of affected children;

Whereas Congress recognized the importance of researching, preventing, and treating Sickle Cell Disease by authorizing treatment centers to provide medical intervention, education, and other services and by permitting the Medicaid program to cover some primary and secondary preventative medical strategies for children and adults with Sickle Cell Disease;

Whereas the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America, Inc. remains the preeminent advocacy organization that serves the sickle cell community by focusing its efforts on public policy, research funding, patient services, public awareness, and education related to developing effective treatments and a cure for Sickle Cell Disease; and

Whereas the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America, Inc. has requested that the Congress designate September as Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month in order to educate communities across the Nation about sickle cell and the need for research funding, early detection methods, effective treatments, and prevention programs: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That the Congress supports the goals and ideals of Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month.*

## AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 2864. Mr. NELSON of Nebraska (for himself and Mr. GRAHAM) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1585, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2865. Mr. NELSON of Nebraska (for himself and Mr. GRAHAM) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1585, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2866. Mr. NELSON of Nebraska (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. MCCAIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1585, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2867. Mr. NELSON of Nebraska (for himself and Mr. GRAHAM) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1585, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2868. Mr. NELSON of Nebraska (for himself and Mr. GRAHAM) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1585, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2869. Mr. NELSON of Nebraska (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. WARNER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1585, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2870. Mrs. BOXER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 1585, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2871. Mr. AKAKA submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1585, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2872. Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. SMITH, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. LEAHY, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. VOINOVICH) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1585, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.